

Application No. 09/462,506

It is respectfully submitted that the above-identified application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below to further expedite prosecution of the Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

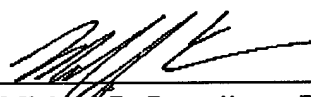
Claim 12 is amended as follows:

12. (Twice Amended) A method for treating papermachine or filtration fabric having one of synthetic yarns and [fibres] fibers, the method including the step of continuously subjecting at least one surface of one of a layer and a component of the fabric to solvent free plasma treatment in a plasma chamber having a water free atmosphere and self-sealing fabric entry and exit openings.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT is being sent via facsimile transmission addressed to Examiner Marianne L. Padgett, United States Patent and Trademark Office, at facsimile number (703) 872-9310 on this 30th day of October, 2002.



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